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The Honorable Mitchell Daniels
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Dear Governor Daniels:

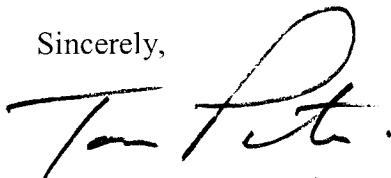
Thank you for accepting the invitation of the Highways, Transit, and Pipelines Subcommittee of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to testify at our May 24, 2006, hearing, "Understanding Contemporary Public Private Highway Transactions: The Future of Infrastructure Finance?". We are looking forward to your testimony.

The Subcommittee is very aware of the shortfalls in available funding resources at federal, state and local levels for critical infrastructure projects nationwide. The most recent U.S. Department of Transportation Report, "Status of the Nation's Highways, Bridges and Transit: 2004 Conditions and Performance," compares current spending by all levels of government with investment requirements. The report indicates that federal, State and local capital expenditures for highways and bridges totaled \$68.2 billion in 2002. Capital outlays by all levels of government would have to increase by 8.3% above this level to reach the projected \$73.8 billion Cost to Maintain Highways and Bridges level. An increase in highway capital outlay of 74.3 percent above current levels would be required to reach the projected \$118.9 billion Maximum Economic Investment (Cost to Improve Highways and Bridges) level.

The Subcommittee is very interested in hearing how you addressed the infrastructure funding shortfall in your State through a creative new mechanism. We would like you to tell us about the process of how you came to the decision to pursue a public private solution and the details of securing the authorizing legislation, the lease agreement on the Indiana Toll Road (including both short- and long-term costs and benefits to the State), and the plans to build I-69 from Evansville to Indianapolis in partnership with the private sector.

We look forward to seeing you on May 24th.

Sincerely,



Thomas E. Petri, Chairman
Highways, Transit and Pipelines Subcommittee
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee